

House Study Bill 608 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON REBUILD IOWA AND
DISASTER RECOVERY BILL
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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to development in five hundred year
- 2 floodplains.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **29C.20B Financial assistance**
2 **limitations — floodplains.**

3 1. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, financial
4 assistance from the state shall not be awarded for flood damage
5 recovery purposes if the flood-damaged property was developed
6 within a five hundred year floodplain after July 1, 2010.

7 2. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, financial
8 assistance from the state shall not be awarded for any type of
9 development taking place in a five hundred year floodplain.

10 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **29C.20C Critical structures in**
11 **floodplains.**

12 After July 1, 2010, a facility critical for health and
13 safety of the public and environment shall not be built in a
14 five hundred year floodplain. For purposes of this section,
15 a "*facility critical for health and safety of the public and*
16 *environment*" means hospitals and health care facilities as
17 defined in section 135C.1; emergency operations centers
18 including fire, police, and rescue facilities; vital data
19 storage centers; power generation and other utilities including
20 related infrastructure such as principal points of utility
21 systems; and any facilities that produce, use, or store toxic
22 pollutants.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill relates to development in 500 year floodplains.

25 The bill prohibits financial assistance from being awarded
26 for flood damage recovery purposes if the flood-damaged
27 property was developed within a 500 year floodplain after July
28 1, 2010. The bill prohibits financial assistance from being
29 awarded for any type of development taking place in a 500 year
30 floodplain.

31 The bill prohibits a facility critical for health and safety
32 of the public and environment from being built in a 500 year
33 floodplain. A "*facility critical for health and safety of the*
34 *public and environment*" is defined in the bill.